

MURRAY-LASAINE MONTESSORI

2026 SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL'S REPORT TO PARENTS



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VISION

Murray-LaSaine Montessori envisions a vibrant community that empowers students to reach their fullest potential.

MISSION

We are dedicated to educating the whole child by encouraging independence and social responsibility to inspire a life-long love of learning.

VALUES

Kindness | We lead and learn with respect, empathy, and compassion.

Teamwork | We collaborate, support one another, and grow stronger together.

Belonging | Everyone in our school community is valued, included, and important.

Growth & Achievement | We celebrate curiosity, inspire creativity, and embrace challenges.

Purpose of the Report

This report is issued by the MLMS School Improvement Council in accordance with South Carolina law to share information on the school's progress in meeting various goals and objectives, the work of the SIC, and other accomplishments during the school year.

2026 MLMS School Improvement Council's Goals

- Improve math achievement and instruction across all grade levels
- Support and improve staff sense of belonging
- Support wellness initiatives in the school and community



A look at the numbers (Link to SC Report Card GR 3-5, GR 6-8)

% of Students Scoring **Meets or Exceeds**
on SC READY ELA & Math Assessments Spring 2025

Grade	3	4	5	6	7	8
ELA	78%	84%	80%	100%	80%	81%
MATH	65%	59%	48%	60%	33%	44%



2025-26 MLMS HIGHLIGHTS

Completion of our new multipurpose room giving us a new space for PE and performances.

Dynamic PTO support throughout the year



Opportunities for exploring the arts through chorus, strings, band, concerts, field trips, and art shows

Gave back to our community through service & peace projects such as food drives, stocking area food pantries and blessing boxes. We even installed a blessing box on our campus.

Participated in Battle of the Books, Read Around the Bases, and the Scripps Spelling Bee.

Explored the world around us on field trips to CawCaw, Capers Barrier Island, Rock Eagle, JICP, Cypress Gardens, Camp St. Christopher, Dock Street, Gaillard Center, DNR, Patriots Point, Birds of Prey, Dill Sanctuary, & Magnolia Plantation

Enriched Beyond the Classroom Wall connections with community service projects for MUSC and Pet Helpers

Arts integration through \$18,000 Distinguished Arts Program Grant

Strengthening a sense of community through whole school events: Family Picnics, Sweetheart Ball, Glow Dance, Bingo Night, Trunk or Treat, and Bumblebee Jamboree



Partnership with Coastal Crust which allowed our Adolescent students to run a business



MURRAY-LASAINÉ MONTESSORI SCHOOL



Message from Leadership & SIC Chairs

Murray-LaSaine Montessori is proud to be one of CCSD's six public Montessori schools, educating students ages 3 through 8th grade in Charleston, SC. We have a proud history of serving our community and working diligently to meet the needs of our students and their families.

We are excited to continue to grow and improve, ensuring that our students are provided authentic Montessori instruction that aligns with state and district expectations. We have focused time, energy, and attention on our areas of need to ensure students develop the necessary life skills they need to be confident, knowledgeable, and contributing citizens of the world.

We seek to grow each child's potential so they become independent and socially responsible members of society who never stop learning.

We continue to aspire to be a community of lifelong learners that values a strong work ethic and sense of independence; respect and kindness for self, others, and community; achieving personal bests; and supporting students in their holistic growth.

We acknowledge and express gratitude for all the partners in this work of educating students and providing meaningful experiences for our community.

We are Murray-LaSaine.

Meredith Wallace, Principal | **Janna Cunningham**, Assistant Principal | **Ariel Brooks & Lori Mose**, SIC Co-Chairs

